

GDT (Intro Level)

No Prerequisite is required to compete for your GDT Intro Title

Beginning APRIL 2025 GDT Intro will be a requirement to enter IDP and ID3/ID5 exercises

GENERAL RULES

All exercises start in heel position with dog on left/right side.

Dogs may heel on the right or left side of the handler as long as it remains consistent throughout the routine.

A focused heel is not required to compete in the GDT Intro.

Heeling is judged based on consistency of the position throughout the routine.

Anytime the team halts, the dog should automatically sit on the handlers left/right side with shoulder even with handlers knee.

Leash is to be held in the hand the dog heels on and should be slack at all times.

The routine will be completed in it's entirety, there will be no break between obedience and protection.

Handler will need to earn a minimum of 30/40 in obedience and 30/40 in protection to pass and title.

EQUIPMENT

All dogs shall be wearing a fur saver or a choke chain with a leash, 4ft - 6ft in length.

For obedience, the leash will be attached to the dead ring before you step on the field.

Handlers will be instructed to attach an agitation collar at the beginning of the protection portion.

The live ring of the fur saver will be attached to the D-Ring of the agitation collar.

POINT DEDUCTIONS

Handler help will receive deductions of half to full point depending on the severity of the help the handler offers the dog.

Repeating commands will receive a one point deduction for each time the handler must re-command the dog.

Saying the dog's name to get their attention during the routine will be counted as handler help and receive a half point deduction.

Corrections (physical or verbal) of any kind will result in an immediate DQ and dismissal.

The judge can excuse the dog and handler if the dog makes an aggressive move towards spectators, stewards or the judge at any time.

If the dog fails to out, after 3 commands, it is an automatic DQ and dismissal.

OBEDIENCE

Team enters field in a controlled heel to designated area to report in with Judge.
On Judges signal
Heel forward
-20 paces
Right turn
Heel Forward
-15 paces
Left turn
Heel Forward
-15 paces
About turn
Heel Forward
-5 paces
Halt/Sit
Heel Forward
-10 paces
Stop and down your dog
Handler will leave the dog and proceed ahead to the next cone
-20 paces
Halt, turn to face the dog
On judge's signal
Recall dog (AKC/Service Finish)

**Handler has 3 attempts to recall dog before they are asked to pick them up and continue.
**The Handler can take 1 step to pick up the leash, but no more.

Heel
-10 paces
Halt/Sit
Friendly Stranger will approach
Shake hands and have a 10 second conversation.
The stranger will walk away before handler is instructed to heel forward.
Heel forward
-5 paces
Halt/Sit

**Dog must be calm (no fear or aggression) can show interest with no jumping.
**Handlers may put their dog in a stationary position before greeting the friendly stranger.
**Dog's and handlers will be DQed if the dog touches the friendly stranger in any way.

PROTECTION

**At the end of the obedience exercise, the handler will be instructed to attach the agitation collar to their dog before moving to the start cone of the first protection scenario.

**Handler will secure their leash to the live ring and D-Ring of the agitation collar.

Scenario 1 - Appraisal Bite

In a controlled heel team will proceed to the start cone and wait for direction from the steward.

At the start cone, the decoy is visible and sitting in a chair

Handler will alert their dog to the decoy ("watch")

Decoy will approach to give dog an appraisal bite

When dog is on the bite, the decoy will give the dog 2 stick hits

Decoy will be instructed to freeze up facing judge

The handler will command the dog to out.

Handler will be instructed to heel away to a designated area

Halt/Sit

Exercise Complete

**3 attempts are allowed to out dog

**If dog does not out after 3 attempts it is an automatic DQ

Scenario 2 - Hidden Decoy in Blind

Handlers will heel to start line.

Handler will put the dog in sit.

Team will be signaled to heel forward towards the blind (about 5 - 8 paces).

Judge will signal the decoy to come out of the blind in a threatening manner.

Handler will drop the leash with command to attack the decoy.

Once the handler sends the dog, they will be instructed to remain in that spot.

When dog is on the bite, the decoy will drive the dog giving 2 stick hits.

The decoy will be instructed to stop fighting the dog and walk back to the handler (keeping the dog engaged).

The handler will walk up to their dog and pick up the leash.

The decoy will be instructed to freeze up.

Handler will be instructed to out the dog.

Once the dog outs, the handler can heel away about 5 - 8 paces.

Halt/Sit

Exercise Complete

**3 attempts are allowed to out dog

**If dog does not out in 3 attempts, it is an automatic fail.

Handler: _____

Dog: _____

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TOTAL: _____ Pass / Fail

Obedience Exercise (30/40)

Total _____

Heeling (18) _____

Right turn (3) _____

Left turn (3) _____

About turn (3) _____

Halt (2) _____

Down (leave dog) (3) _____

Recall (3) _____

Front (1) _____

Finish (1) _____

OR

Service Finish (2) _____

**Handler has 2 attempts to recall dog.

**The Handler can take 1 step to pick up the leash, but no more.

Friendly stranger (3) _____

**Dog must be calm (no fear or aggression) can show happiness with no jumping.

Protection Exercise (30/40 points)

Total _____

Protection Phase 1 - Appraisal Bite (20 points)

Total _____

Alert (2) _____

Bite/Grip (5) _____

Distraction (5) _____

Out/Release (3) _____

Heeling/Control (5) _____

Protection Phase 2 - Hidden Decoy in Blind (20 points) **Total _____**

Commitment (5) _____

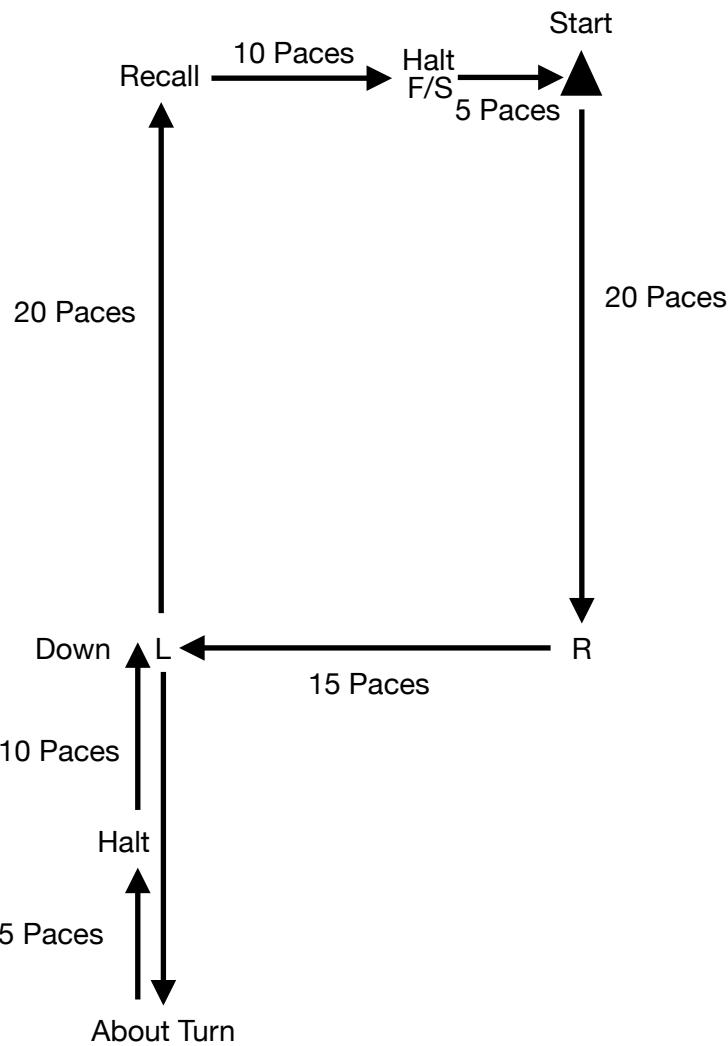
Bite/Grip (5) _____

Distraction (5) _____

Out/Release (5) _____

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Appraisal Bite

Start

Decoy

Handler Attack

Start

Handler heels forward
5 - 8 paces before the
decoy pops out

30 yards

BLIND

Decoy

F/S - Friendly Stranger
Halt = Stop & Sit

Fur Saver/Choke Chain - Dead Ring
4ft - 6ft Leash
AKC or Service Finish
Agitation Collar

Agitation collar will be placed on
the dog at the beginning of the
protection routine.

-Leash will be attached to live
ring and D-ring of the flat collar

A focused heel is not a requirement
to title in this exercise.